TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION, 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Tuesday, the 17th Karkatakam 1102/2nd August 1927.

The Council assembled at eleven thirty of the Clock, M. E. Watts Esquire, B. A, Barrister-at-Law, Dewan, presiding. All except the following members were present: Mr. N. V. Joseph and Mr. K. C. Mammen Mappillai.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Sinking of Wells at Perumbavur.

38. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in accordance with their answer given to my interpellation No. 23, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 23rd November 1926, they will be able to sink wells in Perumbavur during the summer of 1103?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is proposed to sink two wells at the place during 1103.

Erinchi Market.

39. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of revenue derived from the Erinchi market in the year 1101 and the amount spent on its improvements in that year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A sum of Rs. 180 was derived as revenue from the Erinchi market in the year 1101. No amount was spent towards its improvement in that year.

Road connecting the M. C. Road and the Pottankod Road.

40. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) if estimates were sanctioned some time ago for the construction of a short road to connect the Main Central road between the 5th and 6th miles with the Pottankod road; and

(ii) if so, the reasons for the delay in its construction?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (i) Yes.

(ii) Owing to the high estimated cost for this short road of about two miles, sufficient funds could not be found. The lands alone were estimated to cost over Rs. 11,190 at the prices current in 1919. They may now cost more. Hence this work has to lie over in view of other more urgent needs.

Grievances of the Inhabitants of Mangalapuram.

41. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction have received copies of resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Mangalapuram, Tonnakkal, Trivandrum taluk, on the 3rd Kanni 1102, under the presidency of Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai, Member, Legislative Council; and

(*b*) what action has been taken by these officers in respect of the grievances and wants of the people of the place narrated in those resolutions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The works referred to in resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7 are under investigation. Resolution No. 5 refers to the work of repairs of Anathazha *chira*. This is a minor irrigation work and the people to be benefited by the work have to pay the half contribution leviable on completion of the work. But as the people concerned are unwilling to meet this cost, the Chief Engineer reports that the work has not been taken up.

The question of raising the standard of the Primary School for boys at Mangalapuram referred to in resolution No. 2 is under investigation by the Education Department.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) will the Government be pleased to call for a report as to whether this Anathazha *chira* does not irrigate more than one hundred acres of paddy land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Opening of Co-operative Societies on communal basis.

42. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): With regard to the opening of co-operative societies on communal basis, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received from each of the following communities in 1099, 1100, 1101 and 1102:—

(i) Nayars;
(ii) Catholics (including Syrians and Latinites);
(iii) Jacobites;
(iv) Other Christians;
(v) Ezhavas; and

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